

This attractively made handbook will, however, serve as an excellent source of information for scout leaders and for the public school teacher who wishes to develop a teaching unit on birds and who is besieged by questions on birds and bird houses by all children, and some parents, at one time or another.—Andrew J. Berger.

DAVID CLARK HILTON

Dr. David Clark Hilton, who was born on a farm near Dorchester, Nebraska, on April 22, 1877, and who died December 12, 1945, had an international reputation as a physician and surgeon. As a young man he headed the Science Department of Cotner University and was Demonstrator in Anatomy at the University of Nebraska. He became an attending surgeon at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in 1905 and Chairman of Surgery at Bryan Memorial Hospital in 1926, and held these two positions all his life. He did post graduate work in Vienna and Paris in 1927. He was consultant in General Surgery for the U.S. Veterans' Bureau Hospital from 1932 to 1940. During the First World War he was a Captain in the Medical Corps. He was instrumental in organizing the 110th Medical Regiment of the Nebraska National Guard, of which outfit he was Commanding Officer from 1925 to 1940. He was Division Surgeon of the 35th Division of the National Guard from 1927 to 1940. He was a graduate of the Command and General Staff



School of the U.S. Army, being retired in September, 1940, as a Brigadier General of the line. His interest in military medicine took him to Warsaw, Poland, as American delegate to the International Congress of Military Medicine and Pharmacy in 1927 and to England, as delegate of the 6th Congress, in 1929. He was awarded the Cross of the Army Medical School by Poland in 1927. Honors of many sorts were conferred upon him and his duties, like his interests, were many. He was very active in the Masonic Order and in the Episcopal Church. He is survived by his wife, Sarah Luella O'Toole Hilton, and three children: Mrs. Blossom Virginia Gish of Texas, Mrs. Ruth Burgert of Chicago, and Dr. Hiram David Hilton of Lincoln, Nebraska, himself an accomplished surgeon.

David Hilton was interested all his life in birds. His knowledge concerning, and defense of, the birds of prey made a deep impression on a Nebraska lad who was one day to become a bird artist. The friendship between the famous surgeon and the artist continued. During the last years of his life Dr. Hilton visited México. His letters from that country were full of ornithological questions—some of them difficult to answer. The family of David Hilton, knowing how deeply interested he would be in water color portraits of some of the very birds that had so puzzled him in 1944 and 1945, have offered to finance the reproduction of eight of these in full color and to present the engravings to The Wilson Ornithological Club. The first of the series, that of the Rufescent Tinamou, appeared in the June issue of the *Bulletin*. The next will probably appear in March, 1952. The reproductions will appear also in a book, 'Mexican Birds,' now being published by the University of Oklahoma Press.